

Application No. 10/042,196  
Reply to Office Action of May 6, 2003  
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-7 remain active in this case, Claims 1-4 having been canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action the application was indicated as being allowable except for the formal matter to cancel non-elected Claims 1-4. Accordingly, Claims 1-4 have been canceled herewith. Therefore, since no further issues remain outstanding in this case, the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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